

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
EASTERN DIVISION**

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| WATKINS RICHARDSON, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |) | |
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| v. |) | Case Number: 1:13-cv 01346-WMA- |
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| WARDEN JOHN T. RATHMAN, |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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MEMORANDUM OPINION


On June 16, 2016, the magistrate judge entered a Report and Recommendation, (doc. 9), recommending that this petition for writ of habeas corpus be dismissed. No objections have been filed. The court has considered the entire file in this action, together with the report and recommendation, and has reached an independent conclusion that the report and recommendation is due to be adopted and approved.

Accordingly, the court hereby adopts and approves the findings and recommendation of the magistrate judge as the findings and conclusions of this court. The petition for writ of habeas corpus is due to be **DISMISSED**. A separate Order will be entered.

This Court may issue a certificate of appealability "only if the applicant has a made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). To make

such a showing, a "petitioner must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong," *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000), or that "the issues presented were adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further," *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003) (internal quotations omitted). This Court finds Petitioner's claims do not satisfy either standard.

DONE this 20th day of July, 2016.


WILLIAM M. ACKER, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE